PLANT FACT SHEET

Scindapsus officinalis (Roxb.) Schott

GENUS *Scindapsus* **FAMILY** Araceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds, Leaves

The roasted seeds are eaten.
The leaves are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A climbing shrub. It attaches to and feeds from other plants. It roots freely from the stem. It is marked with annual scars of fallen leaves. The leaves are stalked. They are 12-25 cm long by 7-15 cm wide. They are oval and taper to the tip. They sheath the base. The base is oblique and rounded or can be heart shaped. The flowers are yellowish. The fruit is a berry. It is fleshy.

HABITAT

In Nepal it grows to about 1200 m altitude. It trails on tree trunks and branches.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed or root offshoots.

NOTES

There are about 40 Scindapsus species.

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